



Destination PSP: The Atomic pattern features organic geometric shapes with starburst accents that express the playful exuberance of the atomic age. Destination PSP created this design in several colors especially for Modernism Week, where it will have an outpost at CAMP, the 10-day event’s central meeting place. About this project: In celebration of Modernism Week, The Desert Sun will be featuring unique takes on the mod lifestyle in the desert by artists with close ties to the Coachella Valley through the weekend. **Read more:** Tours give look at Steel and Glass House 2018, which is based on the designs of Donald Wexler. **3A**

Dillon Road isn’t busy — and why that’s dangerous

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Ron Norris doesn’t see many vehicles when he rides his bicycle on Dillon Road, but some of the ones that pass him are terrifying.

Moving at seemingly breakneck speeds well above the 55 mph speed limit, some of them shift into the opposite lane in order to avoid Norris as he treks the narrow stretch in Sky Valley and Indio Hills. Others zoom by without

maintaining a 3-foot buffer as per California law.

“I’d say that everytime I ride, there’s at least one incident someone comes close and I don’t feel comfortable about it,” the 70-year-old La Quinta man said of the road, where a driver apparently going 100 mph struck and killed a bicyclist participating in the Tour de Palm Springs on Feb. 10.

Close calls and fatalities on Dillon Road aren’t surprising in an environment that tempts people to drive fast on

the 24-mile stretch between Long Canyon Road and Avenue 44.

It’s a mostly straight road that runs through the open desert, with minimal traffic, zero stop signs and homes few and far between. Dips are shallow enough to make joyriders feel like they’re on a roller coaster without worrying about damaging their vehicles, and the few existing curves have signs advising drivers to only slow down to 50 mph.

“Every other car is going really fast.

It’s easy to do because it’s a straight road with nothing stopping them,” said Sky Valley resident Lilly Hendrickson, 60.

Collision opens flood of concern

Dillon has been around for decades, but concerns about reckless drivers were renewed after last week’s Tour de Palm Springs fatality.

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Harris officially endorses Newsom
Sen. Kamala Harris, left, endorses California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom for the 2018 California governor’s race at the Ronald Tutor Campus Center at USC in Los Angeles on Friday. AP

USA TODAY Mueller indicts Russians in U.S. election meddling

Special counsel Robert Mueller handed down an indictment Friday leveling criminal charges against 13 Russian nationals and three businesses for trying to meddle in the 2016 presidential election in support of Donald Trump. And Trump took the opportunity to insist he and his campaign had been vindicated, tweeting yet again that there was “no collusion!” **1B**

CIF playoffs underway

Desert Mirage High School’s boys’ soccer team wasn’t under nearly as much pressure as it was last year for the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs — and it showed in the team’s 2-0 win over Cathedral City High on Friday in the Division 4 first round. **1C**

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